

What is claimed is:

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1. A dishwasher rack, comprising:  
a substantially rectangular wire receptacle defined by a bottom wall, a front wall, a back wall, and opposite side walls;  
spaced apart pairs of tines adapted to receive plates therebetween;  
the tines in each pair being independently foldable between an upright position and a lowered position; and  
a clip member associated with the tines to permit selected folding of the tines to one or more positions between the upright and lowered positions.
  2. The dishwasher rack of claim 1 wherein the clip member includes a plurality of protrusions and an adjacent arm operatively connected to the tines is adapted to be received between pairs of the protrusions to retain the tines in the selected position.
  3. The dishwasher rack of claim 1 wherein the tines form spaced apart first and second rows with the tines in each row being interconnected so as to fold in unison.
  4. The dishwasher rack of claim 3 further comprising a horizontal leg to interconnect the tines of the respective rows, the leg having opposite ends pivotally mounted to the bottom wall of the rack.
  5. The dishwasher rack of claim 1 wherein the tines are angled rearwardly.
  6. The dishwasher rack of claim 1 wherein each of the tines are stepped.

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7. The dishwasher rack of claim 1 wherein each of the tines have upper and lower ends, the lower ends of the tines in each pair being fixed relative to one another, and the upper ends of the tines in each pair being spaced progressively farther apart from one another as one or both of the tines are folded from the upright position to the lowered position such that a plate supported by tines of one of the pairs will be tilted progressively farther from a vertical plane as the tines are folded toward the lowered position.

8. A dishwasher rack comprising:

a bottom;

a front;

a back;

opposite sides;

first and second horizontal legs extending along the bottom;

a plurality of tines extending from each of the first and second legs;

at least one of the legs being pivotally mounted on the bottom, such that the tines thereon are foldable between upright and lowered positions; and

a clip member on the rack adapted to engage one of the foldable tines to hold the foldable tines in a position between the upright and lowered positions.

9. The dishwasher rack of claim 8 wherein both legs are pivotally mounted on the bottom.

10. The dishwasher rack of claim 9 wherein the tines on the first leg are independently foldable with respect to the tines on the second leg.

11. The dishwasher rack of claim 8 wherein the clip member includes a plurality of protrusions adapted to receive an arm on the one foldable leg to hold the foldable tines in a selected position.

12. The dishwasher rack of claim 8 wherein the tines are angled rearwardly.

13. The dishwasher rack of claim 8 wherein each of the tines are stepped.

14. The dishwasher rack of claim 8 wherein each of the tines have upper and lower ends, the lower ends of the tines on one leg being fixed relative to the tines on the other leg, and the upper ends of the tines on the respective legs being spaced progressively farther apart from one another as one or both of the legs are pivoted to fold the tines thereon from the upright position to the lowered position, such that a plate supported by tines will be tilted progressively farther from a vertical plane as the tines are folded toward the lowered position.

15. A dishwasher rack, comprising:  
a bottom, a front, a back and opposite sides; and  
first and second sets of tines, at least one set being  
selectively foldable for retention in one or more  
positions between an upright position and a lowered  
position.

16. The dishwasher rack of claim 15 further comprising a clip on the rack to hold the foldable tines in the selected position.

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17. The dishwasher rack of claim 16 wherein the clip has a plurality of protrusions and an arm operatively connected to the tines is receivable between a pair of protrusions to retain the tines in the selected position.

18. The dishwasher rack of claim 15 wherein both sets of tines are foldable independent of one another.

19. The dishwasher rack of claim 15 further comprising a horizontal leg for each of the sets of tines to interconnect the tines of the respective sets, each leg having opposite ends pivotally mounted to the bottom wall of the rack.

20. The dishwasher rack of claim 15 wherein each of the tines have upper and lower ends, the lower ends of the tines of one set being fixed relative to the tines of the other set, and the upper ends of the tines of one set being spaced progressively farther apart from the tines of the other set as one or both of the sets of tines are folded from the upright position to the lowered position such that a plate supported by tines will be tilted progressively farther from a vertical plane as the tines are folded toward the lowered position.

21. The dishwasher rack of claim 15 wherein the tines are angled rearwardly.

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